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## Service and Operational Matters - 12 December 2017

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### ITEM 8.4 Outdoor Dining Pilot Project

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### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to gain Council's support to expand the pilot area of NSW Government's Outdoor Dining Project, and to consider future business improvement initiatives with the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner (OSBC) and Service NSW.

Council endorsed the local hosting of the pilot program at the 22 August 2017 Council meeting and following public exhibition, the opportunity was launched in the Belfield Town Centre. This Report proposes to expand the outdoor pilot area south of the original pilot area into Belmore.

### ISSUE

The Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner (OSBC) invited councils to develop a statewide position on outdoor dining the aim of which was to streamline the outdoor dining application process and user guide, develop a consistent Statewide policy, whilst implementing a trial to test and validate the initiative across participating Councils.

The OSBC and Service NSW have also expressed an interest in working with Council on initiatives in the future, designed to make it easier for businesses to operate in Canterbury Bankstown City.

### RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council agrees that businesses operating in the Belmore Town Centre be added to the trial area of the outdoor dining pilot project.
2. In accordance with Section 610E of the Local Government Act, Council publicly exhibit the waiving of outdoor dining fees during the trial period for the Belmore Town Centre.
3. Subject to Item 3, and there being no submissions, Council proceed to implement the waiving of the fees following the public exhibition period.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager to consider, and where appropriate, partner with OSBC and Service NSW in the delivery of business improvement initiatives in the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The outcomes of this pilot project will assist to inform a future Outdoor Dining policy.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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A loss of outdoor dining application fees for applications received in these town centres. This will be minimal.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The café, restaurant and food service industry plays a key role in the Canterbury Bankstown lifestyle for the Community.

The pilot currently being hosted by OSBC and Council provides us (Council) with the unique opportunity to directly introduce local traders in the project area to an opportunity to grow their respective business at minimal cost and with little extra administration; our traders will be allowed to expand their business footprint with the introduction of outdoor dining furniture complementing their current offerings.

The project allows for increased passive surveillance in the areas where they are located, creates active places that people want to visit and generates economic activity.